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Identical letters dated 18 May 2001 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Today, Israel, the occupying Power, escalated its bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people to a new level by using F-16 warplanes to fire missiles and rockets against Palestinian targets in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem. This criminal aggression has resulted in the killing of at least 10 Palestinians and the injury of at least 100 Palestinians, many of whom are in serious condition. These attacks by the Israeli occupying forces against targets in the cities of Nablus and Ramallah also caused physical destruction and devastation of buildings and infrastructure, all of which are located in civilian areas, endangering the lives of thousands of Palestinians. Israeli occupying forces also fired missiles at locations in Gaza and Tulkarem.

Israel claims that this criminal act was carried out in response to the suicide bombing that occurred today in Netanya, Israel, which resulted in the death of six Israelis in addition to the bomber. This Israeli claim has been made despite the fact that the Palestinian Authority repeated its clear position in this regard in a statement issued after the bombing, condemning it and any attacks against any civilians.

We condemn this most recent Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people in the most vigorous terms. We call upon the international community to do the same and to take action to prevent any further Israeli war crimes and atrocities from being perpetrated against the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation.

In follow-up to my previous letters to you on this continuing critical matter, dated from 29 September 2000 to 17 May 2001 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247;



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I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Dr. Nasser Al-Kidwa

Ambassador

Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

**Annex to the identical letters dated 18 May 2001 from the
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

**Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the
Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem***

(Friday, 18 May 2001)

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1. Ismail Abu Ra'ic'
2. Rifaat Mahmoud Rabai'ah
3. Ayman Khalil Ma'arouf
4. Nassri Nasser Yaqoub
5. Mu'taz Al-Khatib
6. Fadi Ahmed Al-Khatib
7. Ahmed Khaled Al-Khadr
8. Khaled Eqab Soboh
9. Wa'el Khadr
10. Unidentified.

* Total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000
= 472.

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Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

I write to you today with reference to my letter of 18 May 2001 (A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504), regarding the use by Israel, the occupying Power, of F-16 war planes to strike Palestinian targets in the cities of Nablus and Ramallah. I regret to inform you that this additional Israeli war crime against the Palestinian people resulted in the killing of a total of 12 Palestinians, which is two more martyrs than the total reported on Friday, 18 May. The targets of those Israeli air strikes were two police stations, both of which were completely destroyed. No real military or moral justification existed for such an Israeli crime. The Israeli claims that these attacks are in "retaliation" are nothing but justifications for inflicting collective, indiscriminate and violent punishment on the Palestinian people.

The next day, 19 May, Israeli occupying forces continued with their bloody military campaign with the use of helicopter gunships to bombard other targets in the cities of Jenin and Tulkarem. Israeli occupying forces shot and killed three Palestinians on that day, one of them a farmer who was not engaged in any confrontation with the Israelis.

Yesterday, Israeli occupying forces continued to shell Palestinian areas, including the home of a high-level Palestinian security official in Ramallah. Today, Israeli helicopter gunships again fired missiles at a factory just outside Gaza City, injuring several Palestinians, and Israeli tanks raided the town of Qarara, shelling the mosque of the town and causing serious damage before their withdrawal. The Israeli occupying forces also shot and killed two Palestinians, striking each of them with more than 10 bullets in the upper body.

In follow-up to my previous letters to you on this grave and ongoing situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 18 May 2001 (A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-



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Israel, the occupying Power, is obviously trying to inflict maximum damage and to kill as many Palestinians as possible during this military campaign with the apparent aim of undermining the structure of the Palestinian Authority and forcing the Palestinian people to surrender to the Israeli occupation. Israeli actions in this regard have been tantamount to collective war crimes and state terrorism waged against the Palestinian people, which must urgently be stopped by the international community. The Security Council, in particular, must fulfil its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations. The Council should begin by acting speedily on the request made by the States Members of the Arab Group on 16 May 2001 to convene a meeting of the Council. It is inappropriate for the Council to continue its inaction towards this ongoing tragedy and clear threat to international peace and security.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nasser Al-Kidwa
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**Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the
Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem^a
(Friday, 18 May 2001 through Monday, 21 May 2001)**

Friday, 18 May 2001 (in addition to the 10 martyrs included in the letter of Friday,
18 May 2001)

1. Nabil Essam Ismail
2. Rami Ezat Yaseen
- Fahd Bani Odeh (unidentified martyr included in letter of Friday,
18 May 2001)

Saturday, 19 May 2001

1. Fawaz Al-Damj
2. Tayseer Awad Al-Areer
3. Hamam Abdel Haq

Monday, 21 May 2001

1. Hamdy Abu Ghosah
2. Ahmed Al Ajamy

^a The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September
2000 is 479.

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General and the President of the Security Council**

Israel, the occupying Power, continues with its bloody military campaign against the Palestinian people. Since my last letter to you, dated 21 May 2001 (A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508), Israeli occupying forces have killed five more Palestinians, bringing the total number of Palestinian martyrs to 484 since 28 September 2000 (the names of the martyrs are contained in the annex to the present letter). In addition, I wish to also draw attention to the fact that many more Palestinian civilians continue to be injured, many severely, by the Israeli occupying forces. Furthermore, during this bloody military campaign, Israel, the occupying Power, has repeatedly engaged in war crimes and state terrorism against the Palestinian people.

I would also like to refer to the letter from the Israeli Permanent Representative to the Secretary-General, dated 29 May 2001 (A/56/80-S/2001/524). The letter follows the usual pattern of deception and misinformation. For instance, the letter refers to the incidences that took place near the "village of Isaskar" and the "Jerusalem neighbourhood of Gilo", attempting to create the false impression that these are in Israel, when in fact they are settlements which were illegally built on Occupied Palestinian Territory. The letter also attempts to wrongly apportion blame and direct accusations at the Palestinian Authority.

The Palestinian Authority has taken a clear position regarding incidents like the bombings which have occurred in Israel, and has condemned all such acts. We reiterate that the Israeli settlers, who have been illegally transferred by the occupying Power to the Occupied Palestinian Territory including Jerusalem, in grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and in total violation of relevant United Nations resolutions, remain the exclusive responsibility of the occupying Power.

In general, with the aim of bringing the tragic situation to an end towards a resumption of negotiations between the two sides, the Palestinian side has



unambiguously accepted the report of the Sharm el-Sheikh Fact-Finding Committee (the Mitchell Report) and has called for an immediate implementation of all the Committee's recommendations as a comprehensive package. Most regrettably, the Israeli Government has yet to do the same. The Israeli Government, while indicating general acceptance, nevertheless rejected major parts of the report, including the call for complete cessation of settlement activity.

Since 23 May 2001, the Israeli Government has made several statements implying different conduct on the part of Israeli occupying forces in the occupied Palestinian Territory. The fact of the matter, nevertheless, remains that the Israeli occupying forces have not stopped encroaching and raiding the areas under full Palestinian control, and have not stopped shelling and shooting at the Palestinian people, resulting in the killing and injuring of more Palestinians. Moreover, the Israeli occupying forces, including Israeli tanks, remain in locations and positions which severely restrict the movement of Palestinian persons and goods, leading to the continuation of severe suffering among the entire Palestinian population.

We call for clear Israeli acceptance of the Mitchell Report as a whole, along with the acceptance of the Egyptian-Jordanian Initiative. We call for agreement on a specific timeline for the implementation of those recommendations and the initiative, including the cessation of all settlement activity and the resumption of negotiations on final settlement covering all permanent status issues.

As we have indicated in the past, the international community has a clear responsibility to take the necessary measures to help bring an end to all illegal Israeli actions and atrocities. The international community must enforce the acceptance and the implementation of the Mitchell Report and the Egyptian-Jordanian Initiative as a possible way out of the current situation.

Further, I am writing this letter in follow-up to my previous letters to you on this grave and ongoing situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 21 May 2001 (A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; and A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508).

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